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SPORTS GUIDE



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Letter from the President

Dear Sports Fan:

The 1996-97 academic year marks Avila College's 80th birthday. As I look back upon the founding of the college by the Sister's of St. Joseph in 1916, I am reminded of the power of their mission and inception today. We are pressing forward in that tradition, and helping all our students find their pathways to success and to a bright future.

An Avila education is dedicated to enriching the mind, body, and spirit of the student. The academic classroom helps minds to grow, and the athletic classroom helps students grow physically. That is what the Avila Athletic department offers students. Not only does Avila College provide an opportunity for a quality education, but also the opportunity to receive spiritual, moral, intellectual, social and physical growth. This is why when an Eagle soars, "there is something powerful in the air."

This season, as we watch our student-athletes on the field and on the court, we will look further and see the long path they have taken to get here, and the long path ahead that will most surely lead to success.

I urge you to take time to read this publication from cover to cover and see for yourself all the great things you can expect from Avila College Athletics on Avila's 80th birthday. If you're not an Eagle -- or an Eagle supporter --you will want to become one after reading this guide. Walk the path with us as we press forward in our tradition of success.

Sincerely,

Larry Kramer
Dr. Larry Kramer
President



Welcome to the Thrill of Avila College Athletics

We are pleased to offer student-athletes not only an opportunity to receive an outstanding education, but to participate in a dynamic competitive athletic program as part of their educational experience.

Intercollegiate sports programs are an integral part of the educational offerings of our college, and athletic administrators and coaches are selected primarily for their role as educators. We also value the spirit of community for the campus to which athletics contribute, and the fellowship and sharing for those of us in the bleachers and on the sidelines.

Avila is proud to be a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), an organization dedicated to wholesome competitive sports in small colleges across the nation. That dedication to athletics as a part of the educational experience is continued in our membership in the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC).

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Thomas R. Lease

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Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs



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President:
Dr. Larry Kramer
Colors:
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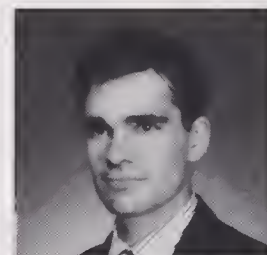
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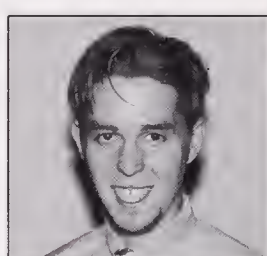
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ATHLETIC HISTORY



1927- Athletics encouraged, but not allowed to interfere with regular scholastic work. Horseback riding, hockey, archery, tennis, and basketball are among the forms of exercise provided by St. Teresa College, Avila's predecessor.

1969- Avila becomes fully coeducational, admitting male students on a full-time basis.

1972- Avila alumni organize their first major Homecoming activity. Male students live on campus for the first time.

1974- The college launches a men's basketball program led by Bill Waris.

1975- Avila introduces intercollegiate, intramural, and recreational sports programs. A recreation field is built, and parking lots expanded.

1977- Men's soccer is started with 17 freshmen and two transfer students. They reach district playoffs coached by Chris Cannanza.

1978- The Mabee Foundation offers Avila a \$500,000 challenge grant for construction of a new fieldhouse.

1980- Mabee Fieldhouse construction completed.

1982- Avila's soccer team advances to the NAIA Area IV championship and finishes fourth in the country. Bill Waris, Jackson County executive and former men's basketball coach, is the first person to be inducted into the Avila Athletic Hall of Fame.

1984- The Alumni Association sponsors the first Avila College Golf Classic.

1985- The college begins an eight-month presidential search when Sister Olive Louise Dallavis leaves the presidency to work in the Advancement Office as President Emerita.

Dr. Larry Kramer takes the post on November 1st, becoming the College's first male president and first lay president. Scott Royal-Ferris is named Athletic Director and Head Men's Soccer Coach.

1986- The evaluation team for the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools extends Avila's accreditation amid glowing remarks about the college's "hard working faculty...effective presidential leadership...faculty committed to give extensively of their time and energy."

1989- Women's softball and men's baseball are added to the athletic programs. Joan Ice (softball) and Dave Klein (baseball) are hired as the first coaches of their respective programs.

1990- By popular vote, "Eagles" replaces "Avalanche" as the official school mascot. A new college logo is unveiled and wins a national design award. Mark Tobin is hired to serve as athletic director and head coach for baseball while Dave Klein continues as an assistant coach.

1991- The Thomas R. Zarda Athletic Complex is dedicated in honor of the successful area businessman and chairman of the Avila College Board of Trustees. The versatile sports area includes softball, soccer, and baseball fields.

1992- Carl Clapp is hired as Avila College's first full-time director of athletics. Prior to Clapp's appointment, the director also maintained coaching responsibilities.

1994- Women's soccer team formed and reaches district playoffs. The baseball team beats Rockhurst College in the District 16 championship gaining a berth in the Midwest Regional where they lose the championship game to St. Ambrose College. On, April 5, 1994 Avila College becomes a charter member of the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC). The women's volleyball team comes back from two sets down to defeat regular season champion Kansas Newman and wins the first-ever MCAC tournament. The stunning victory earned the Eagles a berth in the NAIA Midwest Regional.

1995- Dylan Aiman, Avila alum, is hired as head men's soccer coach. Coach Aiman, in his first year turns a 4-13 team in 1994, into a 10-9 playoff contending team.

1996- Alex Aiman, Avila alum, is hired to take over the reigns of the women's soccer program. Michael Crozier was named Athletic Director.

Sportsmanship

It is the desire of Avila College that good sportsmanship be practiced by students, players, coaches, and fans. Therefore, such acts as throwing items on the playing surface, participation in vulgar cheers, participation in cheers against referees, etc., will be considered foreign to Avila's desire to teach good sportsmanship.

Violators will be escorted from the game and could be banned from attending future Avila athletic activities.

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A TRADITION OF SUCCESS

NAIA ALL-AMERICANS

Mike Klein	Baseball	1996
Gary Haarmann	Baseball	1994
Joe Simone	Baseball	1994
Dennis Hallblade	Men's Basketball	1991-92
Jon Park	Men's Soccer	1990
Charlie Keiper	Men's Soccer	1990
Mike Corrigan	Men's Soccer	1986, 87
Chuck Otec	Men's Soccer	1986
Joe Schrick	Men's Soccer	1981, 82
Mark Hatchett	Men's Basketball	1981-82
Craig Kasten	Men's Soccer	1981, 82
Anthony Christian	Men's Soccer	1981
Dan Dailey	Men's Soccer	1980
Ken Schubert	Men's Soccer	1979

NAIA MIDWEST REGION

Mike Klein	Baseball	1996	First Team
Gary Haarmann	Baseball	1994, 1995	First Team
Brandie Antoniello	Volleyball	1994	Second Team
Joe Simone	Baseball	1994	First Team
Craig Johnston	Men's Basketball	1993-94	First Team

All District 16

Kevin Brown	Men's Soccer	1993	Second Team
Charlie Kieper	Men's Soccer	1993	Second Team
Keith Harris	Men's Basketball	1993	First Team
Kevin Lowder	Men's Basketball	1993	First Team
Jennifer Hale	Softball	1993	First Team
Holly Shelby	Softball	1992,93	First Team

NAIA ALL-AMERICA SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Eric Greble	Men's Basketball	1995-96
Ben Kimminau	Men's Basketball	1995-96
Tracy Sloger	Women's Basketball	1995-96
Ted Manvitz	Baseball	1995
Shonette Micco	Women's Soccer	1995
Craig Johnston	Men's Basketball	1994-95
Luana Cumpton	Women's Soccer	1994,95
Joe Gunderson	Baseball	1994
Stacy Street	Volleyball	1994
Phil Pileggi	Men's Soccer	1993, 1994
Amy Meiners	Volleyball	1993
Jennifer Hale	Softball	1993
Ann Falstrom	Volleyball	1993
Kester Marsh	Men's Soccer	1993
Joyce Heimsoth	Women's Basketball	1992-94
Amy Hartnett	Volleyball	1992
John Prupura	Men's Soccer	1981

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VOLLEYBALL



Jason Smith
Head Coach

After two years as the assistant coach, Smith begins his second year as Avila's head coach. Coach Smith played his collegiate volleyball at Graceland College, where he was three times voted All Region, and his senior year Regional MVP. Additionally, he played with a national championship team (1991) his junior year, as well as three regional championship teams (1990, 1992, 1993). Smith also spent a short time with the US Men's National Team as a statistician for the World League, before landing at Avila.



Angie Diaz
Assistant Coach

Angie Diaz joins the Avila volleyball staff this year with two years of head coaching experience with the Kansas Juniors Program in the Girls 18 year-old Division. Having played in both the Juniors Program and high school USVBA programs in Puerto Rico, where she was twice voted Regional MVP, coach Diaz

style of play will offer strength to the sound fundamental program here at Avila. Diaz holds a degree in accounting and finance from Kansas State University.



Kyle Myer
Assistant Coach

Also new to the Avila volleyball coaching staff is Kyle Myers from Kansas City, MO. His volleyball experiences include playing six years of Beach Volleyball and two years for Team Corona, an indoor team. In his 1994 indoor season, he was chosen as MVP and newcomer of the year. He also played on a national team in Dallas, where he was selected to the all-tournament team. He has coached a successful 8th grade boys team at a local school, and a women's team that competed in Nationals. He attended the University of Missouri, and Ottawa University. He is currently enrolled in a master's program in criminal justice, and working as a kindergarten teacher at UMKC.

Season Outlook

Young...athletic...exciting...and changing.

Those are just a few terms to describe the new look to the 1996 Avila College volleyball team. A new look that includes not only new faces on the court, but second year head coach Jason Smith and rookie assistants Kyle Myer and Angie Diaz look forward to a whole new program. "This team is going to be fun to watch. We have some people who can hit the ball with force," Smith said. "There's a different attitude on the team and I think people will sense it."

Smith plans to build a team based on each player's own strengths, and then base a strong and competitive program around it.

"I want to build the strongest volleyball team possible," Smith said. "We want to gear our system around each player's strengths. By doing that, I think we are going to have the most opportunities to be as successful as we can be."

Smith plans to raise the level of play in order to be a contender in the MCAC. He has already taken steps to achieve this goal by recruiting players and athletes. With the loss of five starters, the Eagles will look for the newcomers to step up and fill key positions. Smith believes with the caliber of athletes the new recruiting class brings in, there will be no problem filling the voids.

"The new recruits will contribute solidly to the team," Smith said. "I want to continue to get good athletes on this team and our incoming recruiting class definitely falls into this category."

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VOLLEYBALL

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



#8

Leah Gale
Hitter
Belton, Mo.

Gale came to the Lady Eagles from Dominion High School. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing. Gale is returning to the Eagles this year after spending last year focusing on academic programs. We will rely significantly this year on her experience both on and off court.

Avila College

1996 Women's Volleyball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Fri./Sat.	8/30-31	Bellevue (Quad)	Bellevue, NE	TBA
Fri./Sat.	9/6-7	College of the Ozarks Tourney	Point Lookout, MO	TBA
Sat.	9/14	St. Mary's College Tourney	Leavenworth, KS	TBA
Tues.	9/17	Kansas Newman/ Rockhurst	HOME	6:00p.m.
Fri.	9/20	Bellevue University	HOME	5:30p.m.
Sat.	9/21	Kansas Newman (Quad)	Wichita, KS	TBA
Sat.	9/28	York College	York, NE	3:00p.m.
Tues.	10/1	Bartlesville Wesleyan / College	HOME	6:00p.m.
Fri./Sat.	10/4-5	Rockhurst Tourney	Kansas City, MO	TBA
Tues.	10/8	College of St. Mary	Omaha, NE	7:00p.m.
Tues.	10-15	Bartlesville Wesleyan / Baptist Bible	Bartlesville, OK	5:30p.m.
Fri./Sat.	10/18-19	Avila Tourney	HOME	TBA
Fri.	10/25	St. Mary's College/ College of the Ozarks	HOME	6:00p.m.
Sat.	11/2	College of St. Mary	HOME	2:00p.m.
Fri./Sat.	11/8-9	Conference Tourney (Bellevue College)	Bellevue, NE	TBA
Sat.	11/16	First Round Regionals	Away (TBA)	TBA
Fri./Sat.	11/22-23	Nationals		

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Tracy Fox
freshman
Troutdale, Ore.
Reynolds High School
outside hitter



Tara Gustafson
freshman
Grandview, Mo.
Dominion Christian School
setter



Debra Hodges
sophomore
Oran, Mo.
Scott County R III High School
setter



Megan Hulett
junior
Camdenton, Mo.
Camdenton R III High School
outside hitter



Christi Jones
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Englewood Christian
defensive specialist



Jennifer Lujin
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Sedalia, Mo.
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hitter



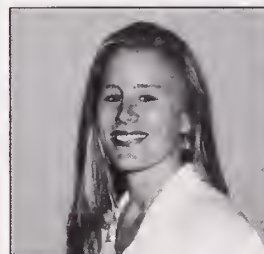
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Dominion Christian School
mid blocker



Michelle Meyer
junior
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Cole Camp High School
mid blocker



Jamie Thompson
freshman
Renton, Wash.
Lindbergh High School
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MEN'S SOCCER



Dylan Aiman
Head Coach

Coach Aiman will see the start of his second year as Avila's head coach, having finished last year with a very exciting season. While a student at Avila College, he earned a bachelor of arts degree in natural sciences, and a position as team captain of the men's soccer team his senior year. In 1987, Aiman and his brother Alex played on the District 16 championship team. The following year, Aiman was named first team All-District and held Avila's leading scorer position. During his playing career at Avila, Coach Aiman was named to All-District, All-Area, and All-American teams. Since graduating from Avila in 1991, Aiman has been teaching biology and coaching boys' soccer at Park Hill High School. His coaching record at Park Hill was 68-18-9, with a second place finish in the 1993-94 state final championship. Coach Aiman is excited about the possibilities for this year's season and firmly believes that the men's soccer program is on its way to being dominant in its conference. He looks forward to winning against his old rivals, and helping Avila regain national prominence.



Alex Aiman
Assistant Coach

Alex Aiman has grown up playing soccer in Kansas City. Aiman played soccer for Avila College from 1984-1988. He was named a first-team All-District player in 1987, the same year his team won the District 16 championship. Coach Aiman earned a bachelor of arts in natural sciences from Avila College in 1987. He then went on to earn a master's degree in science and technology from Baker University. Currently, Alex teaches at Liberty High School, where he also coaches boys' and girls' varsity soccer teams.



Charlie Keiper
Assistant Coach

Keiper joins fellow alumni coaches for his first year in coaching the men's soccer team. Keiper played soccer at Avila taking All-American honors in 1990.

Season Outlook

Dylan Aiman is determined to surpass his debut last year as Avila's head coach. Such accomplishments are usually attained after years of experience, but Aiman became an instant success story. In Aiman's first year as head coach he led the Eagles to their first appearance in the MCAC post season tournament. The Eagles lost their playoff game in a hard-fought battle to Bartlesville Wesleyan College 2-1.

Coach Aiman accomplished more in his first year of coaching than others have in a career of coaching. While he enjoyed last year's success, he wants even more from this team.

"With all the returning players, plus the strong recruits that we have coming in, I feel very excited about this season's possibilities," Aiman said. "We were not picked to finish in the upper half of the conference last year, but the team was very determined and hard working. Hopefully, that attitude will stay with us this year."

The Eagles return 10 starters from last year's team that finished 10-9. Coach Aiman is confident that he can blend his talented new recruits with his strong returning core of players to accomplish the goals of the 1996 Eagles, which consist of winning the 1996 MCAC Conference Title and earning the right to advance to the National Tournament.

Outstanding accomplishments won by last year's Eagles include H.L. Dunsworth, Matt Campbell and Iestyn Penrose earning second team All-Conference awards.

Quick Facts

1995 team record.10-9

1995 award winners returning

H.L.Dunsworth Second-Team All-MCAC
Iestyn Penrose Second-Team All-MCAC
Matt Campbell Second-Team All-MCAC

MEN'S SOCCER

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



#13

Marcus Hernandez

Fullback
Sitka, Ala.

Hernandez, 1995 and 1996 team captain, has lettered in men's soccer for three years. Academic honors include the Dean's List. His course work is in the area of political science.



#15

Jurgen Hildebrand

Sweeper
Fronreute, Germany

Jurgen was a key player starting in every game for the Eagles as a junior last year. Jurgen transferred to Avila from the University of Stuttgart-Uohenheim. He will be finishing up his senior year in pursuit of a business administration degree.

Avila College

1996 Men's Soccer Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sat.	8/31	Harris-Stowe College	HOME	2:00 p.m.
Mon.	9/2	Concordia College	Seward, NE	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	9/7	Lindenwood College	St. Charles, MO	2:00 p.m.
Tues.	9/10	William Jewell College	HOME	4:00 p.m.
Thurs.	9/12	Ottawa University	Ottawa, KS	4:15 p.m.
Sat.	9/14	Sterling College	Sterling, KS	1:00 p.m.
Sat.	9/21	Bartlesville Wesleyan College	Bartlesville, OK	2:00 p.m.
Sat.	9/28	Culver Stockton College	HOME	2:00 p.m.
Sun.	9/29	Bellevue University	HOME	1:00 p.m.
Sat.	10/5	York College (Homecoming)	HOME	2:00 p.m.
Sat.	10/12	Bethel College	North Newton, KS	2:00 p.m.
Sun.	10/13	Missouri Valley College	Marshall, MO	1:00 p.m.
Wed.	10/16	St. Mary College	Leavenworth, KS	4:00 p.m.
Thurs.	10/24	Benedictine College	Atchison, KS	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	10/26	Park College	Parkville, MO	11:00 a.m.
Sat.	10/27	Central Methodist	Fayette, MO	2:00 p.m.
Sat.	11/2	Kansas Newman College	Wichita, KS	2:00 p.m.



#18

Christopher Harmon

Forward
St. Louis, Mo.

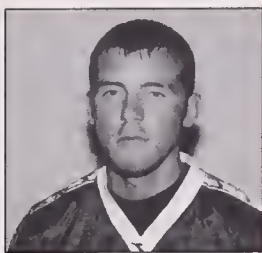
Chris attended Oakville Senior High School, where he contributed to the varsity soccer team on the field, while being named to Who's Who Among High School Students. Chris will be finishing up his senior year in pursuit of a radiologic technology degree.

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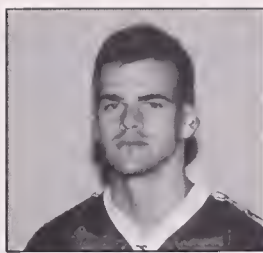




Matt Campbell
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Independence, Mo.
Wm. Chrisman High School
goalie



Robert Davies
sophomore
S. Wales, U.K.
West Monmouth
forward



Rodney Day
junior
Grandview, Mo.
Grandview High School
defender



Michael Derting
freshman
Overland Park, Kan.
Shawnee Mission South
goalie



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Grandview High School
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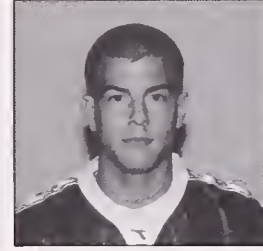
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Bobby Lawson
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Liberty High School
forward



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Grandview, Mo.
Grandview High School
forward



Dustin Maupin
freshman
Kansas City, Mo.
Shawnee Mission North
midfielder



Quinn Moran
junior
Kansas City, Mo.
Rockhurst High School
defender



Michael Muller
freshman
Selinsgrove, Pa.
Selinsgrove Area High School
forward



Raymond Nastase
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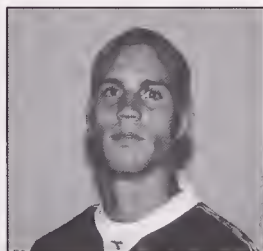
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Bret Schneider
freshman
Independence, Mo.
Truman High School
defender



Ian Valentine
junior
Shawnee, Kan.
Desoto Senior High
forward



Shawn Wallace
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WOMEN'S SOCCER



ALEX AIMAN

Head Coach

Alex Aiman begins his first season as Avila's head women's soccer coach. Coach Aiman has been honored with many soccer accomplishments starting at the age of seven. He is a former Avila College player and graduate. At Avila, he was named captain as a sophomore, junior and senior. He made All-District first team two years as a midfielder, along with All-District second team his first year as a sweeper. Coach Aiman was also honored as a first team mid-west region player. Aiman is a former MISL Kansas City Comet player.

Aiman is employed at Liberty High School where he teaches biology and science courses, and is the head girl's and boy's soccer coach.

Alex enjoys being involved with soccer camps, clinics, tournaments, and spending time with his wife Jennifer, and his twin daughters Alexis and Madison, age 2.



JENNIFER AIMAN

Assistant Coach

Jennifer Aiman's hometown is Cleveland, Ohio. She enjoys working and helping her husband Alex coach soccer teams, organizing soccer camps, clinics, and tournaments. She has instructed camps and clinics for over seven years. Jennifer, a 1985 graduate of Avila College, has a degree in business administration, along with her certification to teach business education. During high school, Jennifer was named to the All-State basketball team, and played a significant role on the Avila Women's Basketball teams from 1985-1989.

In Jennifer's free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and their twin daughters. She enjoys running, working out, reading, and being involved in sports activities. She is very excited about continuing her strong commitment to Avila College and helping lead the women's soccer team to a winning season.

SEASON OUTLOOK

While new year's resolutions are usually made during the holidays, there are plenty of them being made around the Avila women's soccer program. Like those who set new goals January 1 each year, head coach Alex Aiman knows it may take a while to get where he wants to go. In fact, Aiman said 1996 is year-one of a three-year plan to bring Avila women's soccer to national prominence.

Included in this year's team of 19 student-athletes are 10 returning letter-winners from last year's squad that finished the season with a 4-13-2 record. The team makeup of 9 freshmen will play an integral role in Coach Aiman's three year plan, while two seniors, four juniors, and four sophmores add the necessary experience to reach that goal.

As for Aiman's expectations for the season, "Our biggest issue this year is to develop our players' work ethic, and to get them to pay attention to detail. The work ethic is especially important because if you are not as athletic or skilled as other people, you cannot work at the same level that they do. They will beat you everytime."

"We will have to be much better prepared and make fewer errors than our opponents in order to be successful," Aiman said. "If we can finish the season at the 500 mark I will think that we have had a successful season."

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



#1

Danielle Hoover

Forward
Overland Park, Kan.

Danielle Hoover, a Shawnee Mission West High School graduate, started every game last season and was the leading goal scorer. While a strong high school player, her skills have developed to a level that have made a significant contribution to the Avila team. She is working towards a degree in sociology and one day hopes to teach elementary education.



#12

Shonette Micco

Midfield
Kansas City, Mo.

Shonette Micco, a Grandview High School graduate, was a starter for the Eagles every game last season. Shonette is a very positive, energetic player who always focuses to win --qualities that have added success to the soccer program. A very dedicated player and team leader, she was elected team captain. Shonette received an NAIA All America Scholar Athlete award in 1995 and will finish her degree at Avila College in biology.

Avila College

1996 Women's Soccer Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sat.	9/7	Bellevue University	HOME	2:00 p.m.
Wed.	9/11	William Jewell College	Liberty, MO	4:00 p.m.
Thur.	9/12	Ottawa University	Ottawa, KS	6:15 p.m.
Sat.	9/14	Harris Stowe College	HOME	4:00 p.m.
Wed.	9/18	Drury College	Springfield, MO	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	9/21	Sterling College	Sterling, KS	1:00 p.m.
Mon.	9/23	Rockhurst College	HOME	4:00 p.m.
Fri.	9/27	College of St. Mary	HOME	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	10/5	William Jewell College (Homecoming)	HOME	4:00 p.m.
Wed.	10/9	St. Mary College	Leavenworth, KS	4:30 p.m.
Sat.	10/12	York College	York, NE	1:00 p.m.
Wed.	10/16	Baker University	Baldwin City, KS	4:00 p.m.
Fri.	10/25	Southwest Baptist University	HOME	4:00 p.m.
Sun.	10/27	St. Mary College	HOME	2:00 p.m.
Fri.	11/1	Bartlesville Wesleyan College	Bartlesville, OK	3:00 p.m.
Sat.	11/2	Kansas Newman College	Wichita, KS	12:00 p.m.

SEASON OUTLOOK

In the first year at the helm of the Eagles, Coach Alex Aiman's team consists of two seniors, four juniors, four sophmores, and nine freshman. Despite the season record last year 4-13-2, they had a great year with two girls making the All America NAIA Scholar Athletes. Luana Cumpston, and Shonette Micco were strong role models for the team. Coach Aiman is optimistic for the new season to begin, and hopes for a strong nucleus to build a successful team.





Jamie Bishop
sophomore
Raytown, Mo.
Raytown High School
defender



Corey Brown
sophomore
Raymore, Mo.
Raymore-Peculiar H.S.
forward/midfielder



Haley Brown
freshman
Belton, Mo.
Blue Ridge Christian School
defender



Maria Cannova
freshman
Peculiar, Mo.
Raymore-Peculiar H.S.
midfielder



Anna-Lisa Criswell
junior
Gainesville, Fla.
Buchholz High School
midfielder



Rachel Garrison
freshman
Liberty, Mo.
Liberty High School
defender



Elizabeth Hachegechog
sophomore
St. Louis, Mo.
Notre Dame H.S.
goalie



Kyli Harmon
sophomore
Raymore, Mo.
Raymore-Peculiar H.S.
defender



Jamie Johnson
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Independence, Mo.
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defender



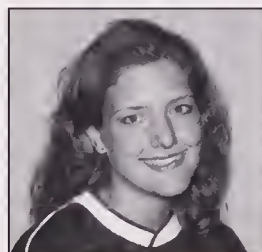
Andrea Kidwell
junior
Lenexa, Kan.
Shawnee Mission West H.S.
defender



Amy Pokorney
junior
St. Peters, Mo.
Fort Zumwalt South H.S.
forward



Mary Quarando
freshman
St. Charles, Mo.
Duchesne H.S.
forward



Shellie Robinson
freshman
Independence, Mo.
Wm. Chrisman High School
stopper



Jennifer Romero
freshman
Independence, Mo.
Wm. Chrisman High School
midfielder



Anna Stogsdill
freshman
Independence, Mo.
Wm. Chrisman High School
midfielder



Kelly Umscheid
freshman
Liberty, Mo.
Liberty High School
midfielder



Marion Wright
junior
Washington, Mo.
St. Francis Borgia H.S.
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FIRST TEAM

Shane Carney	Baseball	1996
Adam Holst	Baseball	1996
Mike Klein	Baseball	1996
Michelle Kessler	Softball	1996
Brooks McCord	Baseball	1995-96
Gary Haarmann	Baseball	1995
Michelle Kessler	Softball	1995
Jessica Pankey	Women's Basketball	1994-95
Brad Koper	Men's Basketball	1994-95
Brandie Antonello	Volleyball	1994

SECOND TEAM

Amanda Endicott	Softball	1996
Jaki Staggs	Softball	1996
Val Coia	Softball	1996
Julie Turner	Softball	1996
Michelle Meyer	Women's Basketball	1995-96
Nikki Davison	Women's Basketball	1995-96
Jessica Pankey	Women's Basketball	1995-96
Craig Johnston	Men's Basketball	1995-96
George Mallon	Men's Basketball	1995-96
H.L. Dunsworth II	Men's Soccer	1995
Iestyn Penrose	Men's Soccer	1995
Monica Bullock	Softball	1995
Teresa Boeding	Softball	1995
Ted Manvitz	Baseball	1995
Michael Klein	Baseball	1995
H.L. Dunsworth II	Men's Soccer	1994
Jamie Rowlett	Men's Soccer	1994
Anna-Lisa Criswell	Women's Soccer	1994

MIDLANDS COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

1994-95

Luana Cumpton	Women's Soccer
Anthony Fasl	Baseball
Eric Greble	Men's Basketball
Craig Johnston	Men's Basketball
Ted Manvitz	Baseball
Shonette Micco	Women's Soccer
Carla Miller	Women's Basketball and Softball
Phil Pileggi	Men's Soccer
Stacy Street	Volleyball
Sandra Stowell	Softball
Michelle Turner	Volleyball

1995-96

Luana Cumpton	Women's Soccer
Anthony Fasl	Baseball
Eric Greble	Men's Basketball
Marco Hernandez	Men's Soccer
Adam Holst	Baseball
Craig Johnston	Men's Basketball
Paulette Limback	Volleyball
Shonette Micco	Women's Soccer
Carla Miller	Women's Basketball
Paula Pace	Volleyball
Tracy Sloger	Women's Basketball

MIDLANDS COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Michelle Kessler	Softball	1996
Mike Klein	Baseball	1996

AVILA COLLEGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Championship Appearances

Men's Soccer 1982 Fourth Place

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Midwest Region

Baseball 1994 Second Place

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) District 16 Champions

Baseball 1994 Men's Soccer-1987
Men's Soccer-1982

Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC)

Volleyball 1994 Post-Season Tournament Champions

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EAGLE PRIDE



Mike Crozier

Director of Athletics

With more than five years of experience in intercollegiate athletic administration as an athletic director, faculty member,

and coach, Mike Crozier is building a foundation to lead the Avila Athletic Department into the 21st Century.

Mike Crozier, recognized throughout Avila and college athletics as a leader who holds the highest regard for the student-athlete, is in his first year as director of athletics at Avila College. Crozier is a leader and achiever who considers himself as an educator first, who is dedicated to upholding the finest tradition of Avila Athletics.

Crozier graduated from Graceland College with a bachelors degree in health and physical education in 1985. He later earned a master's degree in health and physical education from the University of South Dakota.

Upon graduating from Graceland College, Crozier spent four years teaching high school, coaching football, boys' basketball, softball, and girls' track. His stints included Willow Community Schools (Quimby, Iowa), and Souix City

East High School.

In 1991, Crozier moved into intercollegiate athletics. Briar Cliff College hired him as the assistant director of athletics and head softball coach. Three months later, Crozier was named the director of athletics, while continuing to coach softball. During this period, Crozier helped to add additional sports, while raising funds to increase women's scholarships and operational budgets.

In the spring of 1996, Crozier was named the full-time director of athletics at Avila College.

Since becoming the college's athletic director, Crozier has the Eagle programs soaring to new heights. Under Crozier's direction, the athletic department has already signed an exclusive contract with Coca-Cola (includes scoreboards, scoretables, bench seating, and other equipment items), new sound systems for Mabee Fieldhouse and the Zarda Sports



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Complex, and renovated the training room and two locker rooms.

Crozier's accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. His leadership in all areas has earned him national respect. He has served on the NAIA Midwest Regional Executive Coordinating Committee, and on the NAIA National Baseball Championships Committee.

Crozier's goal at Avila will be to place a priority on a total program concept with an emphasis on a well-rounded, all-sports program.

A native of Melcher, Iowa, Crozier, 33 (born March 17, 1963), and his wife Sheri, live in Lee's Summit, Mo. Their 15 year-old nephew, Chad Miller, lives with them during the school year. He attends Lee's Summit North High School.

Academics

The Avila athletic tradition of excellence extends beyond the areas of competition, it also applies to the athlete's performance in the classroom.

Athletic Director Mike Crozier has always believed that the primary goal of student-athletes is getting their degree. "The most important thing our student-athletes can get out of college is an education and a direction for the rest of their lives," Crozier said. "So one thing we stress in our department is making sure that they know what they are doing and have their goals mapped out, and they begin to consciously work at it."

Apparently what the athletic department staff and coaches are preaching is getting through to its target audience. Last year, five Avila athletes were named NAIA All-America Scholar Athletes, and

11 students-athletes were named MCAC Scholar Athletes.

The Avila Athletic Department carried a 2.92 GPA last spring.

It takes a commitment from each student-athletes, coach, administrator, and instructor to have this kind of success. At the head of this dedication to academic excellence is Sr. Marie Joan Harris, CSJ, Ph.D.

There has been a nationwide concern about academic performance of student athletes. In regard to this, Avila has taken pride in making sure the college's traditional standard of academic excellence is upheld. Academic assistance is offered to all students by the college's support services. Lisa Galbreath, coordinator of College Skills, oversees the support service.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Jim McMurray

Head Coach

Jim McMurray begins his fourth season as head women's basketball coach at Avila, but has been coaching women's basketball in the Kansas City area since 1976. He was head coach at St. Teresa's Academy, where he led his team to six district championships and three appearances in the Missouri State 4-A Tournament.

In 1985 he was honored as the Missouri State Coach of the Year. He has established an impressive overall record as a high school coach of 238-38.

McMurray earned his graduate degree in behavioral disorders from the University of Kansas and an undergraduate degree in physical education and health from William Jewell College. At William Jewell he earned All-Conference and All-District 16 honors while starting at point guard for the basketball team.

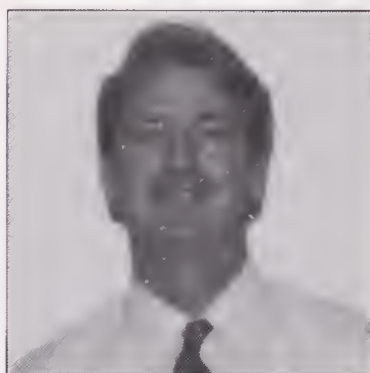
McMurray and his wife, Solonnie, have two sons, Arron age, 12, and James Michael age, 7 and welcomed their new daughter, Katie, to the family last December.



Joyce Heimsoth

Assistant Coach

Heimsoth begins her third year coaching following a tremendous career of her own at Avila College. Coach Heimsoth holds the all-time scoring record for women's basketball at Avila College, and was an NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete in both her junior and senior years. Heimsoth is currently an actuary for the USDA-Federal Insurance Corporation.



Roger Bradford

Assistant Coach

Bradford is being welcomed back to the Avila coaching staff. His primary responsibility will be recruiting out-of-state student-athletes, and working with the forwards on break-down drills. Coach Bradford earned a bachelors degree in business from Central Arkansas College. Bradford has a total of six years coaching experience at the high school and college level.

Quick Facts

Coach McMurray's record at Avila College (fourth year).40-56

1995-96 team record 16-16

1995-96 statistical leaders returning

Scoring

Jessica Pankey 10.7 per game

Rebounding

Jessica Pankey 7.2 per game

Assists

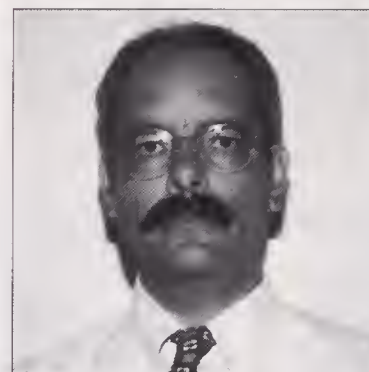
Nikki Davison 3.4 per game

Steals

Nikki Davison 1.8 per game

Free Throw Percentage

Misty Reser 71.0%



Vince Fitzgerald

Assistant Coach

Fitzgerald begins his first year as an assistant women's basketball coach at Avila College. Coach Fitzgerald will bring to the staff a wealth of experience. He re-unites with Coach McMurray, assisting the coach for five years at St. Teresa's Academy. In addition, Fitzgerald has coached women's basketball at Visitation Junior High School for 13 years, where he was elected to the Visitation Athletic Hall of Fame for outstanding service to the athletic program. Coach Fitzgerald graduated from Rockhurst College with a bachelors degree in history and a minor in youth agency administration. Fitzgerald's primary responsibilities will be coaching the junior varsity games, and working with the guards.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SEASON OUTLOOK

The talent continues to improve for the Avila Lady Eagles, and while it eases Coach Jim McMurray's work this year, it also increases the pressure to win.

Last year, the team took one more step in a rebuilding plan. Coach McMurray put into effect a five-year plan when he joined our staff in 1992, to make his team a competitive force within four years, and be competing for the Conference Championship within five years. "Playing in the Conference Championship at the College of the Ozarks and having three players on the All-Conference team was indicative of last year's season," McMurray said. His aggressive time table is achievable as he describes this year's team as one that "has an opportunity to be the best in the history of Avila women's basketball."

Vital to the success of the season will be "the understanding that each individual know and accept their role on the team. Team goals before any individual goals will be the key to our success." The strengths of the returning team members that will make this possible include "depth at all positions, maturity, and a strong work ethic." The unique strengths of the new recruits for this season lie in the addition of not only athletic ability, but the potential of significant leadership.

McMurray adds that while the goals on-court of a Conference Championship are clear, so are the team goals in the classroom. "Their number one academic goal is to pursue a 3.0 grade point average for the team."

Avila College

1996-97 Women's Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sat.	11/2	Alumni Game (DH)	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Fri.	11/8	Graceland College	Lamoni, IA	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	11/16	Graceland College	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Wed.	11/20	William Woods College	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	11/23	Ottawa University	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Tues.	11/26	Westminster College (DH)	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Tues.	12/3	Park College	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	12/6	Oklahoma Christian University	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Tues.	12/10	Bethel College	Newton, KS	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	12/20	Sagamont State College	HOME	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	1/4	Benedictine College	Atchison, KS	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	1/6	Baker (DH)	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Thurs.	1/9	Missouri Baptist College	HOME	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	1/10	Bethel College	HOME	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	1/11	Briar Cliff College	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Tues.	1/14	Park College	Parkville, MO	7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	1/16	St. Mary's College (DH)	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	1/18	Harris-Stowe College	St. Louis, MO	2:00 p.m.
Mon.	1/20	William Jewell College	Liberty, MO	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	1/24	Bartlesville Wesleyan College	Bartlesville, OK	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	1/25	College of the Ozarks	Branson, MO	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	1/27	William Woods College	Fulton, MO	7:00 p.m.
Tues.	1/28	Kansas Newman College(DH)	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Fri.	1/31	York College (DH)	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	2/1	St.Mary's College	Leavenworth, KS	5:30 p.m.
Mon.	2/3	Ottawa University	Ottawa, KS	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	2/8	Rockhurst College (DH)	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Tues.	2/11	Kansas Newman College	Wichita, KS	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	2/14	Bartlesville Wesleyan College(DH)	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	2/15	College of the Ozarks (DH)	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Fri.	2/21	Harris-Stowe College	HOME	6:00 p.m.
Sat.	2/22	York College	York, NE	5:30 p.m.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



#11

Theresa Craig

Guard
Sedalia, Mo.

Theresa Craig came to Avila College from State Fair Community College. A native of Sedalia, Craig led Cole Camp High School to a second place finish in the 2A State Women's Basketball Tournament. She made an immediate impact playing 30 games for the Lady Eagles. Craig averaged 2.3 points per game and was second on the team with 65 assists last year. Craig will be finishing up a degree in psychology.



#50

Amy Hamm

Center
Overland Park, Kan.

Without a doubt, Amy Hamm made her mark in her first year at Avila. Hamm, a Hutchinson Community College transfer, was the only Eagle to play in all 32 games last year, leading the team in blocked shots with 25. Add to this 6.3 points per game, and 4.5 rebounds per game last year, and it is evident why she will be counted on to help lead the Eagles to a successful 1995-96 campaign. Hamm plans to graduate with a degree in business administration. Hamm played her high school basketball at Wichita Northwest, where she earned second team all city.



#31

Heather Wilson

Guard
Carthage, Mo.

Heather was a two-sport star at Jasper R-5, where she competed in basketball and track. Wilson was named second team all-state for basketball her senior year. While attending Avila, Wilson has been named to the Dean's List in pursuit of a communication degree.



#12

Nikki Davison

Point Guard
Lee's Summit, Mo.

Nikki Davison joined Avila College after leading a perennial power, Lee's Summit High School. Davison finished her career setting the school record for career assists with 450. In addition to her personal accomplishments, Davison also led the Tigers to State Playoff competition. Davison's accomplishments have continued at Avila College. She has done well in the classroom, being named to Avila's Deans List, while succeeding on the floor, being named to second team MCAC. Davison led the women's basketball team with 106 assists last year.

NIKKI DAVISON #12
We are so proud of you and your accomplishments and for your courage to do things your way. May you continue to soar with the eagles in all that life has to offer.
Mom, Dad Doug & Kelly.



#33

Carla Miller

Point Guard
Lee's Summit, Mo.

Carla attended Winnetonka High School, where she was All-Conference in softball, basketball, and cross country. She was also named Winnetonka Female Athlete of the Year. While attending Avila, Carla has continued her success receiving an MCAC Scholar Athlete, and General Chemistry Achievement Award.

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Kari Donnell
freshman
Springfield, Mo.
Kickapoo High School
guard



Katherine Gardner
freshman
Branson, Mo.
Branson High School
forward



Natalea Hoepfer
freshman
Rich Hill, Mo.
Rich Hill High School
guard

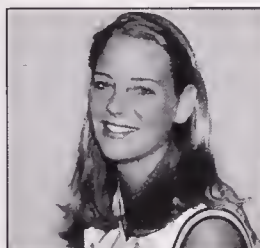


Michelle Hollins
junior
Louisburg, Kan.
Lutheran High School
guard

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Sherri Miller
junior
Camdenton, Mo.
Camdenton High School
guard



Jessica Pankey
junior
Merriam, Kan.
Bishop Miege High School
center



Delaina Renfro
junior
Independence, Kan.
Indep. Community College
guard



Misty Reser
junior
Raymore, Mo.
Raymore-Peculiar High School
forward



Stephanie Sagehorn
junior
Sugar Creek, Mo.
St. Mary's High School
guard



Kelly Schnepf
sophomore
Raytown, Mo.
Raytown High School
center



Amy Spurlock
junior
Lawrence, Kan.
Garden City Community College
guard



Kelly Van Riessen
freshman
Lee's Summit, Mo.
Blue Ridge Christian School
forward

FLY LIKE AN EAGLE

MEN'S BASKETBALL



Fred Turner

Head Coach

*"All fame is fleeting,
Money has wings,
Popularity is an accident,
The only thing that endures
is character."*

Coach Turner has character, and has endured. Coach "T" starts his 23rd basketball campaign as a head coach and his sixth year as the Eagles head mentor.

During Turner's career, he has won 362 games and has been named "Coach of the Year" four times at four different institutions, all of which had losing programs before he arrived. Most recently, in 1992, when Turner was named District 16 Coach of the Year at Avila. His teams are always noted for their aggressive defense, competitive spirit, and poise.

More important to Turner than his basketball victories, are the success stories of his players. During the past five years, his players have not only succeeded on the floor but have gone on to pursue excellence in their careers. The following is a list of former players who adhere to Carpe Diem (Seizing The Day).

1992

Dennis Hallblade

Sales Representatives, Unishippers

Randy Johnson

Consumer Lender, Norwest

Chris Pickett

English Teacher, High School Chicago, Ill.

Brian Strauss

Manager, MCI

1993

Jeff Bass

Athletic Director, Boys and Girls Club

Eric Fisher

Special Ed. Teacher, High School

Phoenix, Ariz.

Kevin Lowder

Chicago Stock Exchange

1994

Rod Sterling

Director of Youth Care, Bob Johnson

Youth Shelter

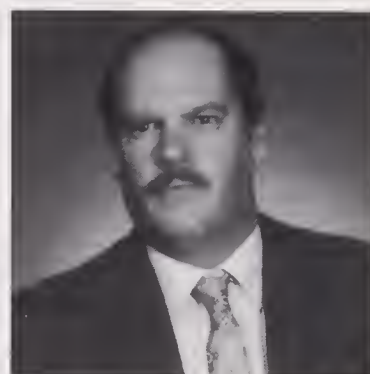
1995

Derek Feagans

Second year law student, UMKC

Shawn Brewer

Distributor, Coca-Cola



Mike Gailey

Assistant Coach

Mike Gailey has been part of the Kansas City basketball scene for more than 20 years. This will be his sixth year as an assistant to Coach Turner. Gailey's responsibilities include developing post play, coaching the junior varsity, and assisting with recruiting.



James Huber, Jr.

Assistant Coach

Jim Huber, Jr. begins his third year as an assistant coach with the Eagles. In addition to coaching, Huber is also the Assistant Director of Athletics for Operations. He oversees marketing and promotions, summer camps, and coordinates the use of athletic facilities and equipment, as well as game management. Huber is an integral part of recruiting. He graduated from Avila in 1993, with an undergraduate degree in business communications and recently earned his master's in business administration in marketing, both from Avila. While at Avila, Huber played and lettered in both basketball and baseball.



Eric Schroer

Student Assistant

A former Eagles player, Eric Schroer moves into a new role this season as a student assistant. As a player, Eric was noted for his rugged rebounding, hard-nosed picks, and overall aggressive style of play. Eric will be finishing up his education this year, earning a history degree. Eric enjoys collecting war and NBA artifacts. Eric's primary responsibilities will be helping coach the junior varsity and working with post players.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Eugene Troyer

Student Assistant

A former Eagles player, Eugene Troyer will also move into a new role this season as a student assistant. Troyer finished up an excellent career, in which he started all four years. Troyer was a versatile player, playing shooting guard, small forward, and power forward. He averaged 9.1 points per game and 4.3 rebounds per game during his senior year. Troyer will be finishing up the first semester with a degree in communications.

Season Outlook

Losing four starting players, including one All Midwest Region player, would send most coaches into a frenzy. Not Avila College's Fred Turner. He and his coaching staff simply scoured the gyms for recruits who could send the Eagles to the national tournament.

Turner has been in this situation once before and that team only fell one game short of the national tournament. The key then was recruits, and it's the same story now. The lone returning starter is forward/center George Mallon, who averaged 12.3 points per game and pulled down 4.6 rebounds per game last year. Seniors and two-year lettermen Eric Greble and Ben Kimminau started several games last year and could step into a full-time role this season at the guard positions.

"We are very pleased with the recruiting class for this coming year," Turner said. "Our departing seniors left some big shoes to fill and these guys are quite capable of keeping us competitive enough to win conference and make the national tournament."

Quick Facts

**Coach Turner's record at Avila College
(5 Years) 70-88**

1994 statistical leaders returning

Scoring

George Mallon 12.3 per game

Ben Kimminau 4.2 per game

Rebounding

George Mallon 4.6 per game

Ben Kimminau 2.8 per game

Assists

Eric Greble 2.3 per game

Free Throw Shooting.

Eric Greble 6/6 100%

Ben Kimminau 28/31 90%

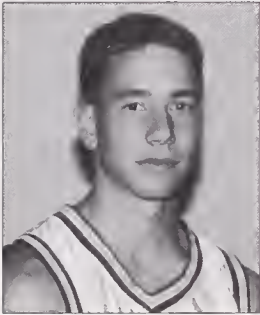
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1996-97 Men's Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sat.	11/2	Alumni Game (DH)	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	11/9	Evangel College	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Wed.	11/13	Ottawa University	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Fri.-Sat.	11/15-16	Evangel Classic	Springfield, MO.	TBA
Sat.	11/23	Union College	Lincoln, NE.	7:30 p.m.
Tues.	11/26	William Jewell College (DH)	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Fri.-Sat.	11/29-30	Catholic College Tournament	St. Mary KS.	TBA
Fri.-Sat.	12/6-7	Central College Tournament	Pella, IA.	TBA
Tuesday	12/10	William Jewell College	Liberty, MO.	7:30 p.m.
Fri.-Sat.	12/20-21	William Jewell Classic	Liberty, MO.	TBA
Fri.-Sat.	1/3-4	Cornell College Tournament	Mt. Vernon, IA.	TBA
Mon.	1/6	Baker University (DH)	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Wed.	1/8	Peru State College	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Thurs.	1/16	St. Mary's College (DH)	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	1/18	Rockhurst College	Kansas City, MO.	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	1/24	Bartlesville Wesleyan College	Bartlesville, OK.	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	1/25	College of the Ozarks	Point Lookout, MO.	7:30 p.m.
Tues.	1/28	Bellevue University (DH)	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	1/31	York College (DH)	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	2/1	St. Mary's College	Leavenworth, KS.	7:30 p.m.
Mon.	2/3	Peru State College	Peru, NE.	7:30 p.m.
Thurs.	2/6	Union College	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	2/8	Rockhurst College (DH)	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Tues.	2/11	Bellevue University	Bellevue, NE.	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	2/14	Bartlesville Wesleyan College (DH)	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	2/15	College of the Ozarks (DH)	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	2/22	York College	York, NE.	7:30 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



#13

Eric Greble

Point Guard
Kansas City, Mo.

Eric is a good leader and ball handler, who was also a key player off the bench for the Eagles last season.

Eric's biggest accomplishment last year was in the classroom, where he earned the NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete Award and was named to Avila's Dean's List. Eric came to Avila from Bishop O'Hara High School where he received All-District honors as a basketball player. He is working toward earning a degree in math with a minor in business.



#40

Ben Kimminau

Guard
Lee's Summit, Mo.

Being an excellent outside shooter, Kimminau was a key player off the bench and as a starter for the Eagles last season. Ben led the team in free throw percentage, shooting 90%. He has been named to Avila's Dean's List, while pursuing a degree in accounting, with a minor in information science.

Ben came to Avila from Lee's Summit High School, where he participated on the varsity basketball team.

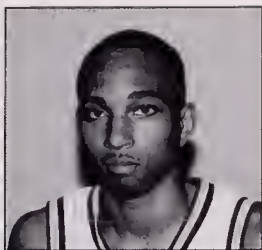
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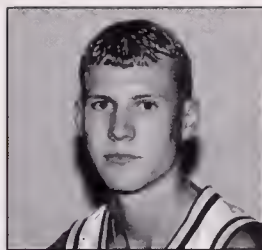
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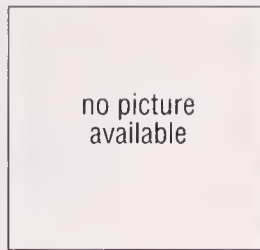
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John Glenn High School
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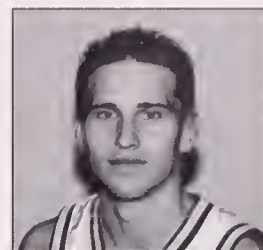
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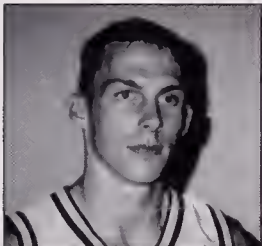
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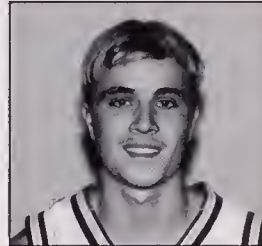
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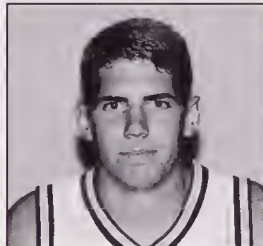
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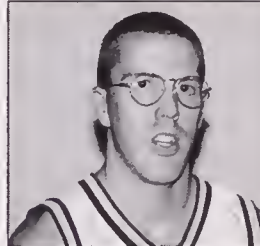
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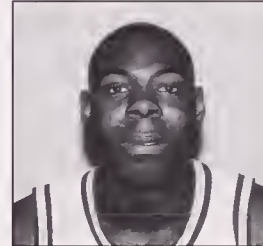
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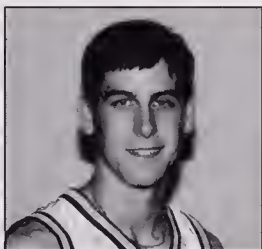
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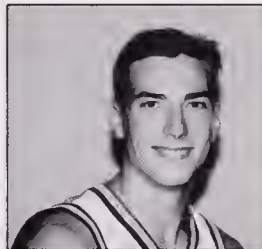
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Lee's Summit High School
center



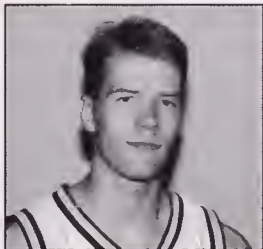
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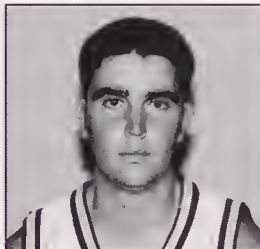
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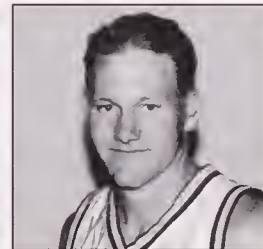
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Lee's Summit High School
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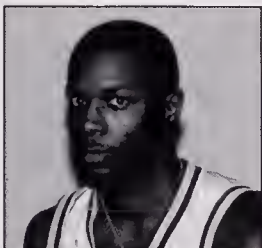
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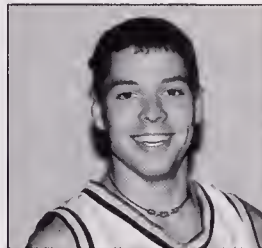
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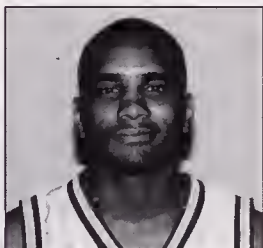
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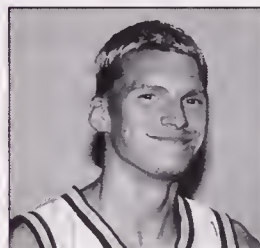
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sophomore
Sikeston, Mo.
Sikeston High School
forward



John Theiss
freshman
Independence, Mo.
St. Mary's High School
guard



Terell Tigner
Sophomore
Detroit, Mich.
John Glenn High School
forward



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junior
Belton, Mo.
Belton High School
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Homecoming.....	October 4-6
Alumni Soccer Game.....	October 5
Avila Golf Classic.....	October 15
Alumni Basketball Game.....	November 2
Cocoa & Carols.....	December 1&3
Food for Finals.....	December 10,
	May 3
Wichita Alumni Gathering.....	January '97
Oklahoma Alumni Gathering.....	January 24
Alumni Night at Avila Basketball.....	February 8
Nebraska Alumni Gathering.....	February 11
Washington D.C. Alumni Gathering.....	February '97
New York Alumni Gathering.....	TBD
Denver Alumni Gathering.....	TBD
Chicago Alumni Gathering.....	TBD
Avila Steer Dinner.....	March 8
Graduation Coffee.....	May 17
Bridge Marathon.....	May 22

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SOFTBALL



David Melton
Head Coach

Melton enters his sixth season as Avila's head softball coach. Previously, he served three seasons as an assistant coach. Melton has been a member of the Eagle coaching staff since the program first took the field in 1989. Coach Melton is originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was born the fourth of five children. He has two brothers and two sisters. He graduated from Mount Vernon Nazarene College in Ohio. He later received his masters degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City. Melton has been in Kansas City the past twelve years, and a member of the Avila staff the past nine years.



Dennis Gault
Assistant Coach

Dennis Gault was born in San Jose California. Gault went to San Jose City College for one year and the College of San Mateo for one year. He finished his education at Cal State University.

Gault coached and played slow pitch softball in seven city championships. He also coached fast pitch softball and made it to nationals. He also coached a ten-year-old boys league in competitive baseball in California. Last year, he took 15 kids to a 9th in the nation spot in the 16-year-old division, and helped coach the Eagles baseball team last season. Gault has four children.



Ana Gonzalez
Assistant Coach

Coach Gonzalez returns this year as a third-year assistant coach, working primarily with the infielders. Gonzalez

played two years of collegiate ball at Pittsburg State and two years at Emporia State University where she earned All-District honors as a shortstop on the 1992 squad. Gonzalez graduated from Emporia State with a bachelor's degree in Spanish.

Quick Facts

Coach Melton's record at Avila (4 years)102-101

1996 statistical leaders returning Batting Average

Amanda Endicott 403

Julie Turner 365

Runs Scored

Amanda Endicott 61

Monica Bullock 54

Hits

Amanda Endicott 67

Monica Bullock 61

Runs Batted In

Amanda Endicott. 67

Julie Turner 49

Home Runs

Amanda Endicott 3

Season Outlook

The 1996 Lady Eagles softball season was the most winning season in Avila history.

The majority of Coach Melton's team will return for the upcoming season. With the addition of some new pitching, and the return of a solid defense, the team is expected to have a great spring.

The Lady Eagles are looking strong at the plate, with returners Amanda Endicott (.403, 3 homeruns, 67 RBI's), Julie Turner (.365, 49 RBI's), Ginny McCarty (.350), Monica Bullock (.348, 45 RBI's), and Val Coia (.321). Along with the big sticks at the plate comes a great deal of speed on the base pass with Amanda Endicott leading the team with 12 stolen bases. Amanda Endicott, Julie Turner, and Val Coia all earned second-team All-Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference honors

this past year, while Monica Bullock earned honorable mention.

Coach Melton feels the return of his defense, rated 6th in the nation in the NAIA standings, will contribute greatly to this year's success. He thinks this team has the potential to be the best defensive team in Avila history. Coach says the impressive defensive averages of this past year speak for themselves, with Amanda Endicott (1.000), Julie Turner (.980), Val Coia (.975), and Monica Bullock (.920) leading the way.

Coach Melton has put together a very experienced and determined group of athletes. He feels if the new pitching staff develops, and his team can stay free of injury, the Lady Eagles can equal or top last year's history-making season. The team has some very specific goals in mind: to be competitive on the ball field; do well academically; and always make Avila College proud both on and off the playing field.

SOFTBALL

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



#13

Monica Bullock

Infielder
Lee's Summit, Mo.

Monica Bullock has started the past three years for the Eagles. During this time, Monica has earned Second Team and Honorable Mention MCAC. Monica was a major contributor her junior year batting .348 with 45 runs batted in. She is pursuing a communication degree specializing in electronic media. Monica attended Lee's Summit High School where she received All-Conference honors.

Avila College

1997 Women's Softball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Monday	3/3	Park College	HOME	2:30 p.m.
Tuesday	3/4	William Jewell College	Liberty, MO	2:30 p.m.
Fri./Sat.	3/7-8	Kansas Newman Tourney	Wichita, KS	TBA
Wednesday	3/12	Missouri Southern	HOME	3:00 p.m.
Fri./Sat.	3/14-15	Kansas Wesleyan Tourney	Salina, KS	TBA
Sunday	3/16	St. Mary College (LV)	HOME	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday	3/19	Maplewood CC	HOME	2:00 p.m.
Saturday	3/22	Friends University	Wichita, KS	1:00 p.m.
Sunday	3/23	Phillips University	Enid, OK	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	3/26	Concordia University	Austin, TX	1:00 p.m.
Fri./Sat.	3/28-29	Avila Easter Classic	ADAIR PARK	TBA
Thursday	4/3	Benedictine College	HOME	2:30 p.m.
Fri./Sat.	4/4-5	Park College Tournament	JCGAA	TBA
Sunday	4/13	Kansas Newman College	HOME	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday	4/16	Central Missouri State	Warrensburg, MO	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	4/19	Missouri Valley	HOME	11:00 am
Sunday	4/20	Bellevue University	Bellevue, NE	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	4/22	York College	York, NE	5:00 p.m.
Saturday	4/26	Missouri Baptist College	St. Louis, MO	11:00 am
Sunday	4/27	College of St. Mary	Omaha, NE	12:00 p.m.
Fri./Sat.	5/2-3	MCAC Tournament	Omaha, NE	TBA

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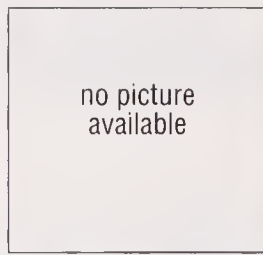
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Melinda Bruce
freshman
St. Elizabeth, Mo.
St. Elizabeth R-1 School
Infielder



Valerie Coia
junior
Kansas City, Kan.
Bishop Ward H.S.
Outfielder



Adrienne Crain
junior
Independence, Mo.
Crowder Community College
Utility



Amanda Endicott
junior
Independence, Mo.
Raytown High School
Centerfielder



Angela Hasty
junior
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O'Hara High School
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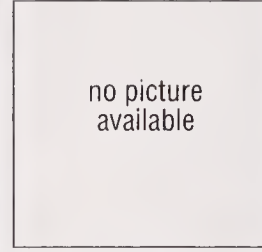
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sophomore
Florissant, Mo.
McCluer North H.S.
Outfielder



Katherine Koeltker
sophomore
St. Louis, Mo.
St. John Baptist High School
Outfielder



Rebecca Koeltker
sophomore
St. Louis, Mo.
St. John Baptist High School
Outfielder



Amy Landis
junior
Silverlake, Kan.
Silverlake High School
utility



Dyani Leming
junior
Blue Springs, Mo.
Bartlesville High School
Pitcher



Virginia McCarty.
junior
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Wm. Chrisman High School
Infielder



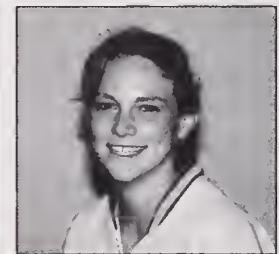
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Outfielder



Amanda Nedrud
junior
Overland Park, Kan.
Blue Valley North H.S.
Outfielder



Janae Niblock
junior
Raytown, Mo.
Raytown South High School
Second Base



Keri Shoff
junior
Blue Springs, Mo.
Dewey High School
Outfielder



Rachelle Starks
freshman
Lee's Summit, Mo.
Lee's Summit High School
Third Base



Julie Turner
sophomore
Overland Park, Kan.
Shawnee Mission South H.S.
Catcher



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BASEBALL



James Huber, Sr.
Head Coach

Drive. Vision. Intensity. These qualities are vital to successful people, but equip none better in college baseball than Jim Huber, Sr. The job Huber has done in elevating the Avila College baseball program to its present status rivals any program in the country. In 1992, Coach Huber entered Avila as an assistant baseball coach, helping head coach Mark Tobin guide the team to its first-ever post-season tournament appearance. The following season, Huber took over the reins as head coach leading the Eagles to a second-place finish in the NAIA District 16 championship. Huber and the team returned in 1994 to the NAIA District 16 Tournament, gaining a berth in the Mid-West Regional Tournament, beating rival Rockhurst College. These accomplishments aided Huber in receiving the NAIA District 16 Coach of the Year Award.

Huber has been involved in baseball for more than 23 years. With 135 wins, Coach Huber is the winningest baseball coach in Avila's history. He and his wife, Mary Ann, have three grown children, Tracy, Kelly, and Jim Jr.



Bill Edington
Assistant Coach

Bill Edington is going into his second year as the assistant coach at Avila College, where he works in all aspects of the Eagle program. This year, his primary duty is working with the Eagle pitching staff. This should come as second-nature to him, since before coming to Avila he was the pitching coach at Mid-America Nazarene College for two years and at Independence Community College for six years. Bill was also the coach for the 1995 USA baseball team that represented the United States in First Pacific Ocean Games in Cali, Columbia, where they picked up the bronze medal.

He makes his home in Olathe, Kansas with his wife, Lynne, and their five children.



Dave Klein
Assistant Coach

Coach Klein has been involved with Avila's baseball program since it began in 1989. He served as both an assistant and head coach. Klein has coached at Kansas City Kansas Community College, where he twice led the team to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Tournament.



Gary Haarmann
Assistant Coach

Four-year letter winner and Avila College graduate, Haarmann returns for his second year as assistant coach. He was a regular performer in centerfield for the Eagles. Haarmann's accomplishments included being selected as an NAIA All-American in 1994, All-Midwest Region in 1994 and 1995, All-Midland Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC) in 1995, and All District in 1992, 1993, and 1994. Additionally, Haarmann led the NAIA in stolen bases in 1993 (46-48). He completed his bachelor's degree in communications at Avila, and is currently working in the Avila Maintenance Dept.



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Brooks McCord

Student Assistant

Brooks McCord, who enjoyed an outstanding career playing for the Eagles, will begin his first year in coaching as a student assistant. Originally from Shreveport, La., McCord started at both shortstop and second base for the team, earning All-MCAC as a second baseman. Last year, he was third on the team with a .369 batting average. Brooks will be working toward an accounting degree. His primary responsibility will be to work with the infielders.

Season Outlook

The heart of Avila's baseball lineup returns for 1997, which pleases Head Coach Jim Huber.

Twenty-four players return from last season's 41-25 team which finished third in the MCAC. The Eagles advanced to the bi-regional tournament in Wichita, Kansas.

The Eagles will have plenty of firepower this year with the return of designated hitter Mike Klein (.389, 12 home runs), catcher Adam Holst (.367, 19 stolen bases), infielders Brian Vervynck (.327), Brandon Spiess (.310), Mike Straatman (.293), and outfielders Jason Albright (.311), Dale Gilner (.261). Klein earned All-Midwest Region, and both Klein and Holst earned All-Sectional and All-MCAC honors. Six positions are covered by starters.

"As any coach should be, I am excited about this year," Huber said. "I feel good about our team and feel confident about the recruiting we did in the off season. Our hard work will be evident in our team this year."

Another factor in the success of the 1997 season will be the development of the pitching staff. A variety of quality veterans will be counted on to solidify the staff. Pitching coach Bill Edington will have plenty to choose from to anchor the staff, with the return of Carl Willingham (7-0, 2.28 ERA), Chad Wilkinson (5-4, 4.76 ERA), Sean Russell (4-1, 2.76 ERA), Ryan Allenbrand (4-2, 2.85 ERA), Jason Reif (5 saves, 4.45 ERA), Brian Cook (5-2, 4.72 ERA), Matt Kamphoefner (5-5, 4.87 ERA), and Randy Timmerman (4-0, 4.94 ERA).

Coach Huber believes the keys to success will be team unity "for the completion of a specific goal to build an attitude of confidence so great, that no matter what happens, we will not waiver from our mission. The goals of this year's baseball team are to win at least 50 ball games; and win both the sub-regional, and regional tournaments all with the intention of winning the world series."

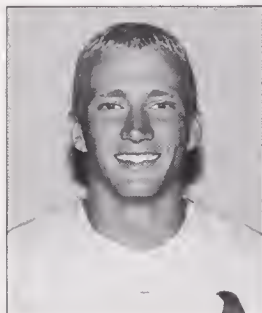
Avila College

1997 Men's Baseball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Saturday	3/1	Graceland/Lindenwood	HOME	TBA
Sunday	3/2	Graceland/Lindenwood	HOME	TBA
Wednesday	3/5	Missouri Valley College	Marshall, MO	1:00 p.m.
Friday	3/7	Huron/Harris-Stowe/Baker	HOME	TBA
Saturday	3/8	Huron/Harris-Stowe/Baker	HOME	TBA
Sunday	3/9	Huron/Concordia	HOME	TBA
Tuesday	3/11	Dort College	HOME	1:00 p.m.
Friday	3/14	Briar Cliff/Dakota State	HOME	TBA
Saturday	3/15	Briar Cliff/Dakota State	HOME	TBA
Sunday	3/16	Briar Cliff/Benedictine	HOME	TBA
Wednesday	3/19	Ottawa University	HOME	1:00 p.m.
Thursday	3/20	Central Methodist College	Fayette, MO	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday	4/2	William Jewell College	Liberty, MO	3:00 p.m.
Friday	4/4	Missouri Valley College	HOME	2:00 p.m.
Saturday	4/5	Peru State University	Peru, NE	1:00 p.m.
Sunday	4/6	Kansas Newman College*	Wichita, KS	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	4/8	Rockhurst College 1-9"	Kansas City, MO	3:00 p.m.
Thursday	4/10	Rockhurst College 1-9"	HOME	3:00 p.m.
Saturday	4/12	Bellevue University*	Bellevue, NE	1:00 p.m.
Sunday	4/13	Benedictine College	Atchison, KS	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	4/15	Rockhurst College 1-9"	Kansas City, MO	3:00 p.m.
Thursday	4/17	Rockhurst College 1-9"	HOME	3:00 p.m.
Friday	4/18	Evangel College	HOME	2:00 p.m.
Saturday	4/19	Peru State University	HOME	11:00 am
Sunday	4/20	Kansas Newman College*	HOME	1:00 p.m.
Thursday	4/24	Mid-America Nazarene	HOME	2:00 p.m.
Saturday	4/26	College of the Ozarks*	HOME	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	4/27	Bellevue University*	HOME	TBA
Wednesday	4/30	William Jewell College	HOME	3:00 p.m.
Friday	5/2	Central Methodist College	HOME	2:00 p.m.
Saturday	5/3	College of the Ozarks*	Point Lookout, MO	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday	5/7	PLAYOFFS		TBA

BASEBALL

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

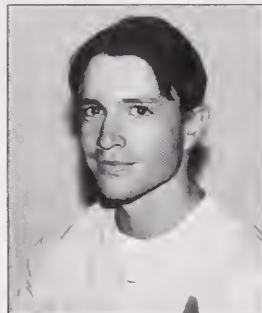


#25

Adam Holst

Catcher
Kansas City, Mo.

Holst started his college baseball career at Johnson County Community College before transferring to Avila last year. He led the Eagles behind the plate as the starting catcher. As the Eagles catcher, Holst earned All-Sectional and First Team All-Conference honors, while finishing second on the team with a .369 batting average, and led the team with 19 stolen bases. Adam's accomplishments extend also to the classroom, where he was named MCAC Scholar-Athlete, while pursuing a degree in accounting.



#27

Jason Reif

Pitcher
Overland Park, Kan.

Reif returns for his fourth season as an Eagle. He came to Avila from Shawnee Mission East where he was a letter winner in both wrestling and baseball. Reif has been a contributor on the varsity as a pitcher since his freshman year, leading the team last season with five saves. Reif is pursuing of a marketing degree.

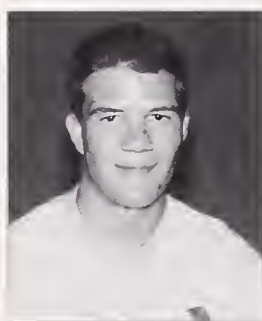


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Chad Wilkinson

Pitcher
Mexico, Mo.

Chad is back for his third season as an Eagle pitcher. He transferred three years ago from Lindenwood College where he earned Honorable Mention All-District. Last year he compiled a 5-4 record with a 4.76 ERA, earning him an honorable mention All-MCAC selection. Chad will be finishing up his degree in marketing this year. Chad mentions that his area of interest is filling out athletic questionnaire forms.



#31

Mike Klein

Designated Hitter
Prairie Village, Kan.

Mike Klein started his college baseball career at the University of Arkansas before transferring to Avila College three years ago. Last season, Klein was the team's leader with a .389 batting average and 64 runs batted in. Klein was also a honorable mention NAIA All-American, All-Midwest Region, All-Sectional, and Player of the Year in the MCAC his junior year. He is pursuing a degree in mathematics. Mike attended Shawnee Mission East High School.



#41

Brandon Spiess

Third Base
Kansas City, Kan.

Spiess started his college baseball career at Kansas City Kansas Community College before transferring to Avila last year. He batted .310 last season while finishing second on the team with 41 runs batted in. Spiess played his high school ball at Sumner Academy, where he earned All-State honors. He will be finishing up his degree in natural science

Quick Facts

Coach Huber's record at Avila College
135-91-2

1996 statistical leaders returning

Batting Average

Mike Klein .389
Adam Holst .367
David Sheller .364

Home Runs

Mike Klein 12

Stolen Bases

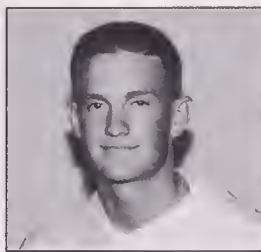
Adam Holst 19

Pitching

Sean Russell 4-1, 2.76 ERA
Carl Willingham 7-0, 2.28 ERA
Ryan Allenbrand 4-2 2.85 ERA
Jason Reif 5 saves



Nathan Adams
freshman
Overland Park, Kan.
St. Thomas Aquinas H.S.
Third base



Jason Albright
sophomore
Rogers, Ark.
Rogers High School
Centerfielder



Ryan Allenbrand
junior
Olathe, Kan.
Desoto High School
Pitcher



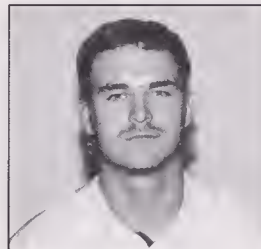
Chris Aulbur
freshman
Martinsburg, Mo.
Community R-VI High School
Pitcher



Ryan Bradberry
freshman
Rogers, Ark.
Rogers High School
Catcher



Thor Cannon
freshman
Buffalo, Mo.
Buffalo High School
Pitcher



Matthew Clayton
freshman
Hayti, Mo.
North Pemiscot High School
Pitcher



Brandon Clevenger
freshman
Lawson, Mo.
Lawson High School
First Base



Robert Clifton
junior
Blue Springs, Mo.
Truman High School
Infielder/Pitcher



Brian Cook
junior
Overland Park, Kan.
St Thomas Aquinas H.S.
Pitcher



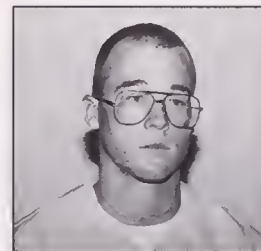
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Knob Noster High School
Outfielder



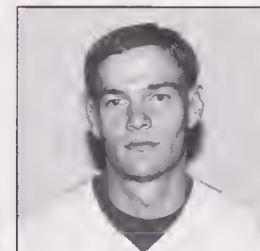
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Kansas City, Mo.
Raytown South High School
Second Base



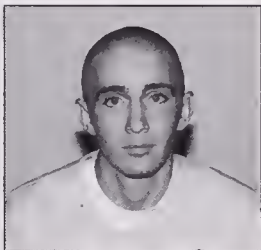
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sophomore
Rogers, Ark.
Rogers High School
Short Stop/ Second Base



Dale Gilner
junior
Overland Park, Kan.
Shawnee Mission West H.S.
Outfielder



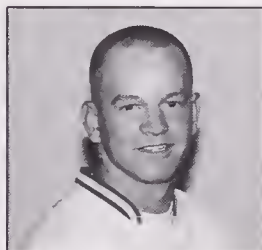
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Marshall, Mo.
Marshall High School
Pitcher



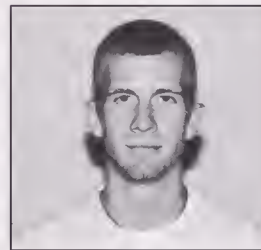
Kelly Hatfield
sophomore
Ceres, Calif.
Ceres High School
Infielder



Kyle Henage
sophomore
Mexico, Mo.
Mexico High School
Outfielder/Pitcher



Ryan Howard
junior
Denair, Calif.
Nughson High School
Infielder



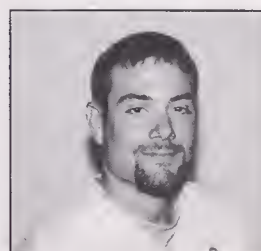
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St. John the Baptist H.S.
Pitcher



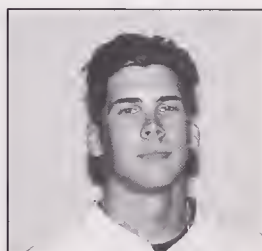
Jeffrey Hunter
freshman
Blue Springs, Mo.
Blue Springs High School
Short Stop/Second Base



Matthew Kamphoefner
sophomore
Defiance, Mo.
Washington High School
Pitcher



Joe Koup
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Paola, Kan.
Paola High School
Catcher



Bradley McClintock
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Rogers, Ark.
Rogers High School
Outfielder/First Base



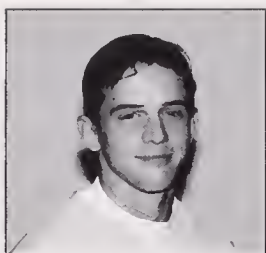
Jason Neland
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Olathe, Kan.
Olathe South H.S.
Pitcher/Outfielder



Michael Nesmith
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Bolivar, Mo.
Bolivar High School
Pitcher



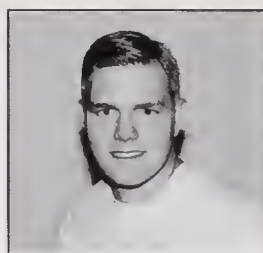
Randy Roentz
junior
Grafton, Ill.
Jersey Community H.S.
Outfielder



Raymond Roentz
freshman
Grafton, Ill.
Jersey Community H.S.
Short Stop/Second Base



Sean Russell
junior
Overland Park, Kan.
St. Thomas Aquinas H.S.
Pitcher



David Sheller
junior
Shawnee, Kan.
Shawnee Mission North H.S.
First Base



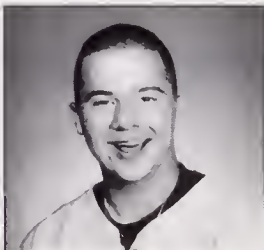
Lance Stewart
junior
Paola, Kan.
Paola High School
Pitcher



Michael Straatmann
sophomore
Washington, Mo.
St. Francis Borgia H.S.
Third Base/Outfielder



Randy Timmerman
sophomore
Halfway, Mo.
Halfway High School H.S.
Pitcher



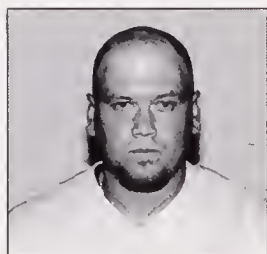
Stephen Tucker
sophomore
Washington, Mo.
St. Francis Borgia
Catcher/Outfielder



Brian Vervynck
junior
Bucyrus, Kan.
St. Thomas Aquinas H.S.
First Base



David Weissman
junior
Lee's Summit, Mo.
Hickman Mills H.S.
Outfielder/Pitcher



Carl Willingham
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Mexico, Mo.
Mexico High School
Pitcher

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and Scott.



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The Hall of Fame was established in 1983 to provide recognition for outstanding achievement by Avila College Student Athlete Alumni, Outstanding Athletic Teams, Coaches and Supporters of the program.

The selection process is by a committee that was established by the constitution and by-laws for the Avila College Athletic Hall of Fame.

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He is called "coach." It is a difficult job, and there is no clear way to succeed in it. One cannot copy another who is a winner, for there seems to be some subtle, secret chemistry of personality that enables a person to lead successfully, and no one really knows what it is. Those who have succeeded and those who have failed represent all kinds — young and old, inexperienced and experienced, hard and soft, tough and gentle, good-natured and foul-tempered, proud and profane, articulate and inarticulate, even dedicated and casual. Most are dedicated, some more than others, but dedication alone is not enough. Some are smarter than others, but intelligence is not enough. All want to win, but some want to win more than others, and just wanting to win is not enough in any event. Even winning is

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Preface to Bill Libby's book, "THE COACHES."

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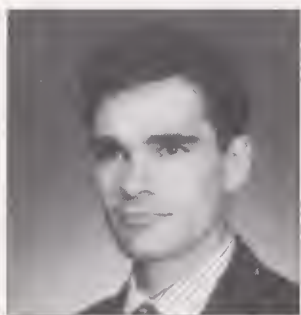
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The addition of softball, baseball and women's soccer are evidence of the commitment of the institution to provide students with opportunities to enhance their college experience and help prepare them for life, to become contributing members of society.

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thing to contribute to the team.

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It is my hope that by attending our games, you too will appreciate the growth of our athletic programs and will want to be a part of creating exciting opportunities for the future of our students.

Go Eagles!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James L. Huber, Jr.".

Jim Huber, Jr. '93
Assistant Director of Athletics

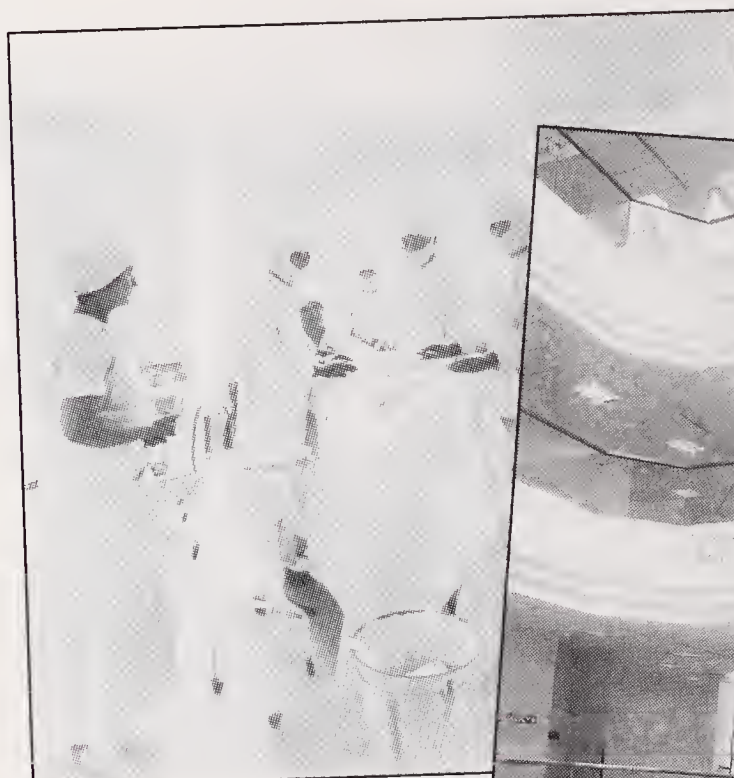


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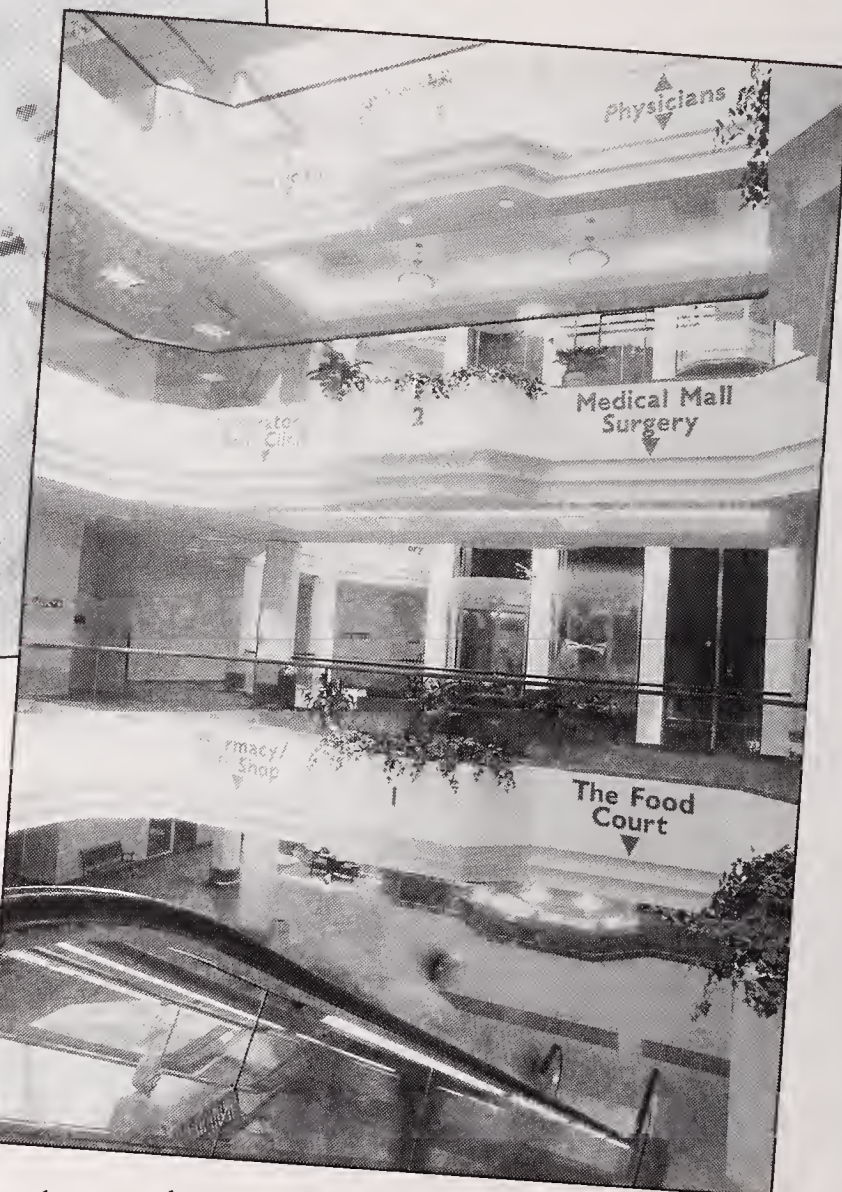


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